

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided an ink cartridge, comprising an ink storing portion which stores an ink to be supplied to a recording head, and which includes a flexible sheet and an outlet portion through which the ink is supplied to the recording head; a liquid chamber which ~~gas-tightly~~ accommodates a liquid which contacts, under a level thereof, the flexible sheet of the ink storing portion; ~~and a gas~~ supplying portion which supplies, as the ink is supplied from the ink storing portion to the recording head and accordingly a volume of the ink storing portion is decreased, ~~a gas to the liquid chamber, so that the gas is accumulated above the liquid accommodated by the liquid chamber, the gas supplying portion having a liquid chamber communication hole which communicates with the liquid chamber and is open in the liquid accommodated by the liquid chamber~~ a window to detect an interface between the liquid accommodated by the liquid chamber and the gas accumulated above the liquid.

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] In the present ink cartridge, the ink is supplied from the ink storing portion thereof to the recording head, and the ink storing portion includes the flexible sheet. Therefore, as the ink is consumed by the recording head, the volume of the ink storing portion changes, i.e., decreases while the shape of the ink storing portion changes. The liquid chamber ~~gas-tightly~~ accommodates the liquid which contacts, under the level thereof, the flexible sheet of the ink storing portion. Thus, as the volume of the ink storing portion decreases, the pressure of the liquid in the liquid chamber decreases. Therefore, an appropriate amount of gas is supplied from the gas supplying portion ~~into the liquid chamber via the liquid chamber communication hole of the gas supplying portion, so as to compensate for the decrease of the pressure of the liquid,~~ and the gas is accumulated above the liquid accommodated in the liquid chamber.